BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2004-49-C - ORDER NO. 2004-476

OCTOBER 11, 2004

IN RE:	Petition of Verizon South, Inc. for Arbitration)	ORDER RULING ON
	of an Amendment to Interconnection)	PROCEDURAL
	Agreements with Competitive Local)	MATTERS
	Exchange Carriers (CLECs) and Commercial)	
	Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) Providers in)	
	South Carolina Pursuant to Section 252 of the)	
	Communications Act of 1934, as Amended,)	
	and the Triennial Review Order.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on several procedural matters related to this arbitration docket involving Verizon South, Inc. and certain competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs) and Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) providers in South Carolina.

First, the "small CLEC group," made up of Fairfield Communications, FTC Diversified Services, Inc., HTC Communications, Inc, PRT Communications, LLC and West Carolina Communications, LLC, has filed a Motion to Dismiss the Petition for Arbitration, and ITC^DeltaCom Telecommunications (ITC) has requested an indefinite continuance in this proceeding, pending further order and clarification concerning the FCC's rules related to the Triennial Review Order. We hold that these matters are not ripe for disposition, and we therefore hold any ruling on them in abeyance until further notice.

Second, as to the scheduling of this matter, we hold that the Commission Staff

shall set the scheduling Order in this case in accordance with State law, which requires

arbitration within nine months of the date of filing.

Third, there has been a question raised as to the filing date in this arbitration

matter. Verizon actually filed a Petition, and then, later filed an Updated Petition for

Arbitration on March 19, 2004. We hold that the date of the Updated Petition, that is,

March 19, 2004, shall be construed as the filing date in this matter. This is the date on

which the issues were clarified. The Respondents may file responses within twenty-five

(25) days of March 19, 2004.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the

Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

/s/ Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:

/S/

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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